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**OFFICE OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL
Automatic Extinguishing Systems Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
June 23, 2015
Cosumnes Service District Training Room, Elk Grove**

COMMITTEE GOAL

To provide a means of communications between the Offices of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM), representatives of industry, the public and the fire service; and to seek comments and specific views on proposed regulations and intended future action.

STAFF

Jeff Schwartz, Committee Chair
James Parsegian, Division Supervisor, Fire Engineering
Vikkie Raby, Support Staff, Fire Engineering

MEMBERS PRESENT

Darryll Bolden, Los Angeles City Fire Department
Tracy Staiger, City of Merced Fire Department
Fred Benn III, Advanced Automatic Sprinkler, Inc.
Darrell Hefley, Jorgensen & Co.
James McLaughlin, Lund Pearson McLaughlin
Allen Quirk, Paraclete Fire & Safety, Inc.
Bruce Lecair, National Fire Sprinkler Association
Randy Dysart, CALSAFE c/o Jorgensen & Co.
Lawrence Shulman, Pacific Gas & Electric
*Edie Wade, Brooks Equipment Company
Stanley Smith, Sprinkler Fitters & Apprentices
James Carver, El Segundo Fire Department
*Brian Weidman, Long Beach Fire Department
Tom McKinnon, California American Fire Sprinkler
**via conference call*

MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Raymer, c/o California Building Industry
Vahid Toosi, Orange County Fire Authority
Chris Heyer, Beverly Hills Fire Department
Craig Voelkert, Amerex Corporation
Ken Liming, Insurance Services Office, Inc.
James Feld, University of California Berkeley

Robert Nolan, Anaheim Fire Department
Jack Thacker, Allan Automatic Sprinkler Corp.
Robert Rowe, Fire Sprinkler Advisory Board
Randy Roxson, Sprinkler Fitters Association of California

GUESTS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Fox, (ALTERNATE) Sprinkler Fitters & Apprentices
Wayne Weisz,
Todd Golden, Local 79
*Kevin Reinertson, CAL FIRE Riverside

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Jeff Schwartz at 10:03 A.M. on June 23, 2015.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business presented at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

AES Certification Regulations Package was presented to the group for review and vote. It was decided that each individual section with amendments will be reviewed and voted on.

Section 922—L. Shulman suggests changing “quality” with “performance and reliability”.

Section 923—L. Shulman agrees with J. Feld’s included comments that the words “aboveground” and “below-ground” should be added. He feels this will be consistent with the NFPA 13 standards language. He also wonders if “nitrogen purge systems” should be added, as they are growing in popularity. S. Smith and S. Fox agree to add “corrosion inhibiting systems”. They also feel this section should address issues regarding C-16, C-34, C-36 contractors. A. Quirk asked whether “repair” will be tied to a dollar amount. J. Carver confirmed that it is addressed in definition as no more than \$500.

Section 924(a)—add “enrolled” between currently and in.

F. Benn feels the requirements are too specific. He would like to see subcategories for certification. J. Schwartz asked him to submit proposed alternative language to him by Friday, June 26th, so that it can be added before the next meeting.

Section 924(b)—replace “modification” to “alteration” as in 924.4.
Strikeout “upgrades”

Section 924.4—strike “retrofit”. T. McKinnon feels the need for definition of “residential” as it pertains to the scope for residential certification. T. McKinnon and S. Smith feel the definition for multi-family should be removed. J. Carver feels it should stay. B. Lecair agrees with J. Carver. Change “modification” to “alteration”.

Section 924.7—replace “sound” with “normal”

Section 929—L. Shulman suggests changing “fire authority” to “code official”. Remove Part 9 CFC.

Section 946(b)—add statement: “commercial can do residential”—language to be worked on.

OPEN FORUM

There will be a special meeting to vote on these changes on July 22, 2015 in Fresno. The location will be shared with the group once established. He also asked for volunteers for the language workgroup. Those interested should respond by email to J. Schwartz by Friday, June 26.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be August 26, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in El Segundo at the El Segundo Fire Department, Station 2, Training Room. Meeting adjourned at 3:14 P.M.